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News Agency Files:

26. AP, 4 Feb: "American intelligence on Okinawa is pumping (R) ... on Communist espionage that penetrated the highest levels of the Japanese Government, a reliable American officer said Wednesday (3 Feb) night... The American officer said R was believed to be a lieutenant colonel in the MVD... The American also said that two more members of the Soviet Mission might want to leave but are 'under constant guard'."

28. AP, 3 Feb: "A reliable military source said today that ... R is on Okinawa 'cooperating' with U.S. intelligence agents... The source, who has personal knowledge but who cannot be revealed, said two other Russian agents from the Soviet Mission ... want asylum ... but are being sent back ... under guard ... The source confirmed ... (that the skating team coach had) written orders for R to return... The source said that R has been under close American surveillance for more than a year... He was a highly efficient agent... (R's defection) may have surprised the Russians and the Japanese but... not the American Army... American sources know intimate details of R's background... born in Kursk Oblast... near the NorthEastern Boundary of the Ukraine... Network ... has already penetrated some of the highest levels of the Japanese Government, the military source said today... Details presumably will be forwarded... to Yoshida."

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